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In re application of: Nagesh R. Basavanhally, David A. Ramsey, and Hong Tang

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For: Coupler Assembly for an Optical Backplane System

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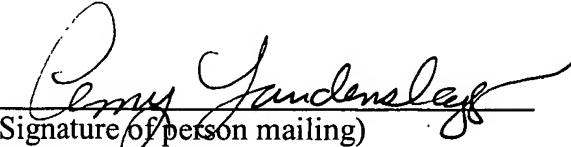
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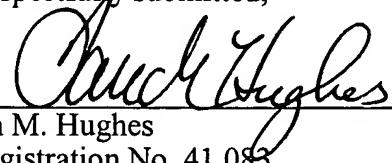
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